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LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1-5 (Cancelled)

6. (New) A directional control means for submerged surface suction cleaning

apparatus comprising:

an elbow joint terminating in an inlet end and an outlet end, the inlet and outlet

ends being inclined relative to each other and defining a peripheral groove adjacent the

ends;

a first extension fitted to the inlet end of the elbow joint, the first extension

comprising a peripheral rib configured to engage the peripheral groove adjacent the end of

the inlet end in a snap fit, so as to allow the first extension to swivel relative to the elbow

joint, the first extension terminating in a protruding spigot configured to be inserted into a

cleaning apparatus; and

a second extension fitted to the outlet end of the elbow joint, the second extension

comprising a peripheral rib configured to engage the peripheral groove adjacent the end of

the outlet end in a snap fit, so as to allow the second extension to swivel relative to the

elbow joint, the second extension terminating in a protruding socket configured to receive

a flexible hose.

7. (New) A directional control means as claimed in claim 1 wherein the inlet end

and the outlet end are inclined to each other at between 135° and 165°.

8. (New) A directional control means as claimed in claim 2 wherein the inlet end

and the outlet end are inclined to each other at 150°.

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9. (New) A directional control means as claimed in claim 1 wherein the peripheral rib and the peripheral groove are formed with anti-friction surfaces.